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1. WHILE WE CONCUR IN SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED ROC PARTICIPATION IN IMF/IBRD SHOULD PRC NOT INDICATE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING (REFTEL PARA 4), WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT U.S. POSTURE IN RESPONSE TO POSITIVE PRC RESPONSE ON PARTICIPATION. A U.S. VOTE AGAINST ROC EXPULSION WHILE WELCOMING PRC PARTICIPATING (REFTEL PARA 5) WILL HAVE OBVIOUS TWO-CHINA IMPLICATION FOR PRC DAMAGING TO PEKING'S CONFIDENCE THAT WE BEING FAITHFUL TO SPIRIT OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. FURTHER, TO THE EXTENT THAT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS IS UNDER DEBATE WITHIN PRC, U.S. POSITION WOULD STRENGTHEN HAND OF THOSE ARGUING U.S. CANNOT BE TRUSTED.

2. SINCE ROC'S CASE APPEARS HOPELESS, PARTICULARLY IF PRC EVIDENCES DESIRE TO JOIN IMF/IBRD, WE SEE LITTLE TO BE GAINED IN TERMS OF U.S. INTERESTS BY CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ROC REPRESENTATION IN FACE OF ADVERSE VOTE. THEREFORE, URGE DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER ABSTAINING SHOULD SITUATION DESCRIBED REFTEL PARA 5 ARISE.
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